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1. WE CAN SEE THE USEFULNESS OF GVN INVITATIONS TO THE ORGANIZATIONS LISTED REFTEL, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF HOSTILE REACTION TO GVN INVITATION FOR CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION OBSERVERS. GVN WILL PROBABLY BE WILLING TO EXTEND SUCH INVITATIONS AS REQUESTED BECAUSE THEY ARE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SOME US OBSERVERS AND OF MEETING OUR DESIRES.

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2. GVN WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO TAKE CARE OF INFLUX OF OFFICIAL GUESTS, BOTH AMERICAN AND THIRD COUNTRY, HOWEVER, WHILE CARRYING OUT ELECTIONS. WE WOULD THEREFORE BE INCLINED TO SUGGEST THAT A DOZEN ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES MIGHT BE MORE MANAGABLE AND JUST AS EFFECTIVE FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW AS THE 25 SUGGESTED IN REFTEL. IN PARTICULAR WE WONDER IF IT IS NECESSARY TO INVITE FIVE ADDITIONAL PRESS ORGANIZATIONS WHEN DOZENS OF EXTRA NEWSMEN ARE JOINING THE HUNDREDS ALREADY HERE TO COVER THE ELECTIONS.

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3. AFL/CIO DELEGATION WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT VIET NAM THIS MONTH (STATE 15355). ALTHOUGH WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD DOWN THE NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIONS

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SOMEWHAT BECAUSE OF THE STRAIN ON GVN FACILITIES, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THIS PARTICULAR DELEGATION TO COME DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD.
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